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# The Connection

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**BRANDERMILL**



WOMAN'S CLUB

## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

**JO HAYDEN**

### *Greetings beautiful Women of the Brandermill Woman's Club:*

I am sitting here and watching the birds at my feeder and pondering my little note for this month and the phrase, 'It takes a village' continues to dance through my thoughts. The Brandermill Woman's Club is a village in its own right. I realize that building meaningful relationships with other women is a crucial to my happiness and personal growth. This village, BWC, is a place where we support one another through guidance, practical help and just a listening ear. When we demonstrate our bravery in our life's challenges, it really is a source of inspiration to those around us. No two of us are exactly the same in our perspectives and opinions.

However, when we really listen to one another, we continue to grow and our horizons are broader and our paradigms shift. What gifts we bestow upon one another!

If you missed our February 18th meeting, you missed a great one! We stretched and practiced breathing through a wonderful chair yoga practice led by Dorota Kwarta! After the meeting 24ish of us enjoyed lunch and friendship at Dolce Vita. We will enjoy lunch at the Two Compadres after the March Meeting...just delicious!

Additionally, I am so proud that we have been able to send a check to Ettrick Elementary School so that the first grade class might participate in a field trip to Henricus Park. Your show of support in validating the Board's decision was so gratifying! We will receive pictures to share!

Cheers!

**Jo**

### **MEETING REMINDERS:**

**MEETINGS BEGIN AT 10:30;  
NO ADMITTANCE BEFORE 10:00**

**BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK TO ALL MEETINGS!**

You may want to sign up for Daytrippers outings (pay when you sign up) or other activities.

**PLEASE DON'T PARK IN THE FIRST TWO ROWS**  
(directly in front of the church);  
those rows are for preschool pickups.

### MEETING:

BRANDERMILL CHURCH  
4500 MILLRIDGE PARKWAY  
MIDLOTHIAN, VA 23112

[BRANDERMILLWOMANSCLUB.COM](http://BRANDERMILLWOMANSCLUB.COM)

### SCHEDULE FOR 2025-2026:

Sept 17  
 Oct 15  
 Nov 19  
 Dec 17 (Luncheon)  
 Jan 21  
 Feb 18  
 March 18  
 April 15  
 May 20 (Luncheon)

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# MEMBERSHIP

## CYNDY BALL & KAREN OLSON

Ladies, only two more meetings this year and then our spring luncheon. Spring is in the air! It's been a fun year, and we look forward to seeing you in March. If you haven't had a chance to attend any of BWC's fun activities, it's not too late to join in!

Questions?

Cyndy Ball: curly5000@gmail.com -or- 804-307-7227

Karen Olson: mamasitaolson@gmail.com -or- 804-517-0850

# SCHOLARSHIPS

## JOANNE BUCHANAN & SUSAN MORALES

The Scholarship Committee would like to thank everyone for spreading the love in February by purchasing raffle tickets at our February 18 meeting. Agenerous 50/50 was won by Georgie Thompson. Michelle Scott won \$30 in Tikka Masala gift certificates, and Marie Repp won the Bridgerton@teapot, English tea, and beautiful teacup with candle.

We are so excited about A Garden Party Bingo on April 22 at The Brandermill Country Club from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for 4 cards, which include snacks and soft drinks. A cash bar will be available. You may buy tickets from our lovely garden table during March and April meetings or send a check payable to BWC to P.O. Box 1615, Midlothian, VA 23112.

Please mark the envelope and the check as BINGO. Scholarship committee members have made significant connections with local businesses to ensure a lovely variety of prizes for winners to choose from. Bring an extra \$5 with you for a chance to win our Grand Prize of \$100 cash.

You may also try your luck at our 50/50 raffle. We are unable to accommodate walk-ins, so if you have friends who are non-members, please remember to sign up no later than April 15. Everyone is guaranteed to have a bloomin' fun

afternoon!

*\*In the event of multiple winners, each person will share the Grand Prize equally*

Questions? Joanne Buchanan: jokayjul18@gmail.com or 757-615-7195

Susan Morales: talltxrose@gmail.com -or- 410-599-6343

# PROGRAMS

## JENN INMAN

Our March meeting will be with Debra Brown, a mystery & graphology enthusiast and Brandermill resident. She invites you to become a **handwriting detective** for the morning. Together, we'll explore the subtle clues hidden in everyday handwriting and what they can reveal about personality, communication style, and inner tendencies. **You'll be given anonymous handwriting samples to examine as "clues" in our gentle mystery.** As we investigate loops, slants, and spacing, expect a few knowing smiles, soft laughter, and several "Ahh... that explains it" moments. No crime, no suspects—just a cozy, curious exploration of human nature through the most ordinary of clues: a handwritten line. Plus, one lucky detective will win the chance to have an in-depth analysis.

Our April meeting will be a BWC Makers Market Craft Show. Do you paint, make jewelry, cards, wreaths, decor or other fun crafts? We want you to participate. After the general meeting we'll shop while supporting our crafty friends. We ask participants to donate 20% of their sales to the club to help fund our scholarships and charity donations. Contact Jenn Inman to sign up. Call/text: 804.833.7002.

In May we will have our Spring Luncheon at Amber Grove. Our lovely buffet lunch tickets are \$45 and can be purchased at the meetings or by sending a check to our PO Box. Please put Luncheon in the memo section. We hope to see you there.

Questions?

Jenn Inman: jennifersellsrva@gmail.com -or-804-833- 7002

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH



### White Chicken Chili *courtesy of Cyndy Ball*

#### Ingredients

- 3 Cups Cooked Chicken, shredded or chopped, a rotisserie chicken adds more flavor)
- 2 15 oz. cans white beans, drained and rinsed
- 2 cups chicken broth (more if you want it soupier)
- 1 4 oz. can green chiles (hot or mild, your call)
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic or 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 4 oz. cream cheese or ½ cup sour cream
- 1 cup shredded cheese (optional)
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- ½ teaspoon salt (to taste)
- ½ teaspoon pepper (to taste)
- ½ teaspoon chili powder (more if you want more heat)

#### Instructions

1. In a big pot, saute onions and garlic
2. Add chicken, beans, green chiles, spices and broth
3. Simmer for 20-30 minutes
4. Stir in cream cheese or sour cream until smooth
5. Taste and adjust spices as needed
6. Ladle into bowls and enjoy!!!

## ACTIVITIES

### DIANE MASTERS

Hello ladies! There's an updated Activity sheet attached for you to refer to. Please contact the activity hostess if you have any questions.

Questions?

Diane Masters: [mastersdiane@hotmail.com](mailto:mastersdiane@hotmail.com) -or- 646-228-7383

## DAYTRIPPERS

### YVONNE RICCIARDELLI



#### Edible Education

**March 25, 2026 | 10 AM**

**\$30. Limited to 20. Crepes Two Ways: Chicken Cordon Bleu and Strawberries and Cream**

**Waterford Place, Midlothian**



#### Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

**April 16, 2026 | 10 AM**

Spring is our prime blooming season. In April you'll find thousands of daffodils, tulips, cherry blossoms, magnolias, azaleas and spring ephemerals like Virginia bluebells.

Questions?

Yvonne Ricciardelli: [ym.ricci@gmail.com](mailto:ym.ricci@gmail.com) -or- 804-239-5161

## MOVIE CRITICS

\$6 - Tuesdays Matinees

And the 4th Tuesdays we have movie critics:  
**Matinee!**

Look for a Text of the Movie, place and time!!!

*"Don't ever question the value of Volunteers.  
Noah's Ark was built by Volunteers; The Titanic was  
built by professionals!"*

## BWC ANNIVERSARY

At February's general meeting, Lori Hobbs shared a few fun details of the BWC 2027 "golden jubilee." The committee members met February 16th at the Art Factory. Five important categories were established and will need volunteers. These are:

publicity, graphics, dance committee, historical research, and treasurer, which Lori Hobbs has agreed to take charge. Thank you, Lori! Please let Lori, Jo Hayden, or Pam Messner know if any of these exciting skills are your forte:) We appreciate your support. Twelve months....to party time!

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1. Lori O'Donnell 3/3
2. Anita Elmore 3/4
3. Marilyn Schlim 3/13
4. Babs Tikson 3/19
5. Susan Basl 3/31

## WEBSITE

### CAROLINE ZONG

Hello ladies! Can each person that is hosting an activity please take pictures and email them to me at: [zong.caroline@gmail.com](mailto:zong.caroline@gmail.com)

Did you know that the club has a Facebook page? Brandermill Woman's Club. Be sure to "follow" us and see the monthly pictures that are posted of all the fun activities!

Questions?

Caroline Zong: [zong.caroline@gmail.com](mailto:zong.caroline@gmail.com)

### BWC Executive Board 2025 / 2026

President: Jo Hayden

VP of Programs: Jenn Inman

VP of Membership: Cyndy Ball and Karen Olson

Treasurer: Lori Hobbs

Secretary: Susan Basl

President Emerita: Deb O'Dell

### Appointed Positions 2025 / 2026

Activities: Diane Masters

Publicity: Janet Russell

Connection: Erin Melton

Email: HELP Wanted!

Parliamentarian: Susan Basl

Scholarship: Joanne Buchanan and Susan Morales

Hospitality: Mary Ann Owens

Sunshine: Marie Repp

Website: Caroline Zong

Community Outreach: Michelle Scott

Ways & Means: Marty Laughon

**OUR CLUB WEBSITE IS OFFICIALLY  
UP AND RUNNING! CHECK IT OUT AT**  
<https://brandermillwomansclub.com>

**MISSION...** Our mission is to encourage friendships, social activities, and solidarity in our community. We promote a common interest in civic, cultural, educational and social welfare of the community.

## ATTACHMENTS

## ACTIVITIES

BWC ACTIVITY GROUPS		CHAIR: DIANE MASTERS (646-228-7383 / mastersdiane@hotmail.com)				
GROUP	DAYS	TIME	LOCATION	CHAIR	PHONE	EMAIL
BOOKIES 1	3rd Fri	10:00 am	Woodlake United Methodist Church	Beverly Carlson Anita Elmore	804-739-2539	carlsonew@gmail.com
BOOKIES 2	3rd Tues	TBA	TBA	Mary Guarneri	443-803-3456	Mtg1250@gmail.com
BOWLING	4th Fri	11:00 am	Uptown Alley	Diane Masters	646-228-7383	mastersdiane@hotmail.com
BUNCO	3rd Wed	6:00 pm	Diane's house	Diane Masters	646-228-7383	mastersdiane@hotmail.com
DAYTRIPPERS	TBA	TBA	TBA	Yvonne Ricciardelli	804-239-5161	ym.ricci@gmail.com
DOMINOES 1	2nd Tues	1:00 pm	Danielle's Home	Danielle Jimerson	804-314-9331	Daniellejimerson42@gmail.com
FUN BRIDGE	2nd & 4th Wed	1:00 pm	Diane's house	Diane Masters	646-228-7383	mastersdiane@hotmail.com
HAND & FOOT	2nd & 4th Thurs	1:00 pm	Marilyn's home	Marilyn Schlim	804-277-5010	<a href="mailto:marilynschlim@gmail.com">marilynschlim@gmail.com</a>
Hand KNEE & Foot	1st Tues	1:00 pm	Susan's home	Susan Basl	781-572-2523	Srbasl31@gmail.com
MAHJONGG	1st Thurs & 3rd Tues	1:00 pm	Diane's home & BCC	Diane Masters	646-228-7383	mastersdiane@hotmail.com
MARBLES	3rd Thurs	1:00 pm	Diane's home	Diane Masters	646-228-7383	mastersdiane@hotmail.com
MOVIE CRITICS	4th Tues	TBA	TBA	Yvonne Ricciardelli	804-239-5161	ym.ricci@gmail.com
RUMMIKUB	2nd Fri	1:00 pm	Marty's Home	Marty Laughon	804-349-5612	melaughon@aol.com

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## 2025-2026 Programs

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|----------------|--|----------|--|
| September 17th | Friendship Bingo – Get to know each other better.        | Jan 21st | Michelle Scott - Occupied Japan pottery                              |
| October 15th   | How to Avoid Caregiver Crisis - Resources for Caregivers | Feb 18th | Chair Yoga – Demonstrations to help stay active in the winter months |
| November 19th  | Fraud Protection with C&F Bank                           | Mar 18th | Handwriting Analysis with Debra Brown                                |
| December 17th  | Holiday Luncheon 11:30 @ The Boathouse in Sunday Park    | Apr 15th | Makers Market Craft Show   |
|                |  | May 20th | Spring Luncheon 11:30 @ Amber Grove                                  |